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H. R. 4320

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the types of approved programs of education for purposes of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 2009

Mr. MURPHY of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Post-9/11 GI Edu-
5 cation Fairness Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

7 The purpose of this Act is to expand the Post-9/11
8 Educational Assistance Program administered by the Sec-

1 retary of Veterans Affairs to cover the following types of
2 programs of education:

3 (1) National tests for admission to or course
4 credit at institutions of higher learning.

5 (2) Programs of apprenticeship or other on-job
6 training for individuals who are not on active duty.

7 (3) Cooperative programs.

8 (4) Training at non-college-degree institutions.

9 (5) Correspondence training.

10 (6) Entrepreneurship training.

11 (7) Courses required to receive financial assist-
12 ance from the Small Business Administration.

13 (8) Flight training offered by entities other
14 than institutions of higher learning.

15 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF APPROVED PROGRAMS OF EDU-**
16 **CATION FOR PURPOSES OF POST-9/11 EDU-**
17 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE**
18 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

19 (a) INCLUSION OF PROGRAMS OFFERED AT ALL
20 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.—Subsection (b) of section
21 3313 is amended by striking “is offered by an institution
22 of higher learning (as that term is defined in section
23 3452(f)) and”.

1 (b) FLIGHT TRAINING.—Such section is further
2 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
3 section:

4 “(i) FLIGHT TRAINING.—The Secretary may approve
5 the pursuit of flight training (in addition to a course of
6 flight training that may be approved under section
7 3680A(b) of this title) by an individual entitled to basic
8 educational assistance under this chapter if—

9 “(1) such training is generally accepted as nec-
10 essary for the attainment of a recognized vocational
11 objective in the field of aviation;

12 “(2) the individual possesses a valid private
13 pilot certificate and meets, on the day the individual
14 begins a course of flight training, the medical re-
15 quirements necessary for a commercial pilot certifi-
16 cate; and

17 “(3) the flight school courses meet Federal
18 Aviation Administration standards for such courses
19 and are approved by the Federal Aviation Adminis-
20 tration and the State approving agency.”.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 this Act shall apply with respect to educational assistance
23 provided for months beginning after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act.

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